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1. IN RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONING ON DUTCH IMPLEMENTATION RHODESIAN SANCTIONS (REFTEL), STATE SECRETARY KOOIJMANS TOLD SECOND CHAMBER FEB. 27 THAT NEW SANCTIONS LEGISLATION WOULD BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT WELL BEFORE SUMMER. INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMISSION WAS COMPLETING WORK AND WOULD PRESENT BILL TO ENSURE THAT FULL SUPPORT GIVEN TO UNSC OBLIGATIONS. MATERIAL TURNED OVER TO STATE SECRETARY EARLIER IN DEBATE ALLEGING TRADE BETWEEN DUTCH TOBACCO FIRM AND RHODESIA HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ECONOMIC CONTROL SERVICES IN FINANCE MINISTRY FOR INVESTIGATION.

2. ON SAME DAY, FONMIN VAN DER STOEL INFORMED CHAMBER THAT DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA HAD RAISED CASE OF ABRAM FISHER WITH SAG AND HAD ASKED THAT HE BE RELEASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. ACCORDING TO VAN DER STOEL, SOUTH AFRICANS HAD NOT REJECTED APPEAL.

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3. CHAMBER ALSO INFORMED THAT GON-SAG CULTURAL TREATY

EXPIRING NEXT YEAR WOULD BE RENEWED. NOTING THAT THE
AGREEMENT GAVE HOLLAND CHANCE FOR CONTACTS SO THAT
DIFFERING VIEWS COULD BE EXPRESSED, FONMIN SAID THAT
SOUTH AFRICA STILL HAD LONG WAY GO BEFORE RACES WOULD
BE EQUAL.
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